

# City of Lawton Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, responding to the increasing number of homeless children and youth in the Lawton Fort Sill Community, The Next Step TLP, Inc. was founded by Onreka Givens Johnson in 2008 to help meet the need of housing, supportive services, and street outreach for the underserved population of homeless youth from 17 to 21; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this proclamation is to bring awareness to the increasing number among this population who are finding themselves in a state of homelessness in the Lawton Fort Sill Community and to acknowledge the need for additional safe and stable supportive housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Homeless Liaison for Lawton Public Schools identified 747 as of November 1, 2021 currently identified as experiencing homelessness, and

**WHEREAS**, as a city, we should do everything we can to help bring awareness to this challenge in our community and encourage citizens to show support in any way they can; and

**WHEREAS**, as a city, we acknowledge and recognize November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month and encourage citizens to show support to our homeless youth in our city by wearing lime green ribbons in support of Homeless Youth in the City of Lawton and encourage citizens to help spread awareness of the state of homelessness and the need to assist the children and youth in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Stan Booker, Mayor, City of Lawton, do hereby proclaim that the 3rd week of November be recognized as

## "LIME OUT LAWTON"



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, to be affixed hereto this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

  
Stan Booker, Mayor